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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST  
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Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

THIS DOCUMENT REFERS TO:  
ALL ACTIONS.

**ORDER**

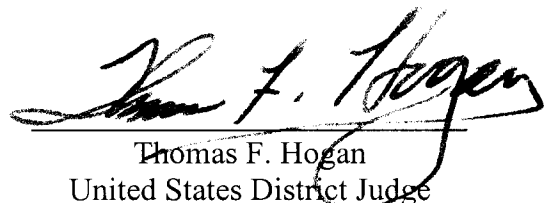
It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the issues raised in Plaintiffs' Joint Motion to Compel as well as defendants' motions for protective orders are referred to the Special Master.<sup>1</sup> It is further hereby

**ORDERED** that the parties will work with the Special Master in setting any necessary briefing or hearing dates. And it is further

**ORDERED** that the Special Master will consider all issues raised in these motions, as well as any other related issues which the Court refers to the Special Master, and issue a report and recommendation to the Court.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> This referral includes the issue of whether discovery involving foreign defendants shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Hague Convention, as well as all other issues relating to discovery which are raised by these motions.